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MEMORANDUM FOR: SR/RR

SUBJECT : Soviet Constitution

1. In a conversation AECASSOWARY/29 had with Petro Kamefyanovich NEDBAYLO, of the Ukrainian Delegation to the United Nations, the latter said he was working on the revision of the first part of the Soviet Constitution which should be ready in approximately one year. He also told A/29 the following: The Soviet federalistic system will be retained under the Constitution. Sovereignty of the republics will be strengthened "but, of course practical implementation of those provisions will depend on the actual political situation." The role of civic organizations also will be increased. The question of the use of Russian as the official language probably will be omitted. NEDBAYLO said he did not foresee any real basic changes in the Constitution.

2. For purposes of dissemination, if the above information is considered of interest, the source (under Project AERODYNAMIC) may be described as a Western citizen of Ukrainian birth, a usually reliable source, from a Soviet Professor of Law, untested source.

3. Please address any inquiries you may have regarding this information to [redacted] in room 5B29 on extension 7168.

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